

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Clearwater County Soil and Water Conservation District FY09 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

- A. Soil Erosion – conservation implementation
- B. Pasture conditions and grazing concerns
- C. Invasive plant species
- D. Wildlife habitat – woodland management, forested buffers
- E. Feedlot issues – water quality issues/sensitive areas

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

<u>Geographic Regions</u>	<u>Resource Concerns</u>
Silver Creek	Soil Erosion and water quality
Lost River	Soil Erosion and water quality
Clearwater River	Soil Erosion and water quality
Ruffy brook	Soil Erosion and water quality
Lower Rice Lake	Soil Erosion and water quality

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

Applications addressing water quality and soil erosion concerns.

Applications addressing invasive plant species.

Applications with prescribed grazing systems.

Applications addressing wildlife habitat.

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

WATER QUALITY – the applicant will install practices to implement a prescribed grazing system that addresses water quality concerns within the listed watersheds above. 5 points

WILDLIFE HABITAT – the applicant will install practices to improve wildlife habitat through invasive Plant Species Pest Management (797). 10 points

WILDLIFE HABITAT – the applicant will install 5 or more native trees species and/or shrubs in their wildlife habitat planting. These practices include 391, 612, 643, and 645. 10 points

EROSION CONTROL – the applicant will install practices such as 328,329,345,346,386 that reduce soil erosion to T or less.
9 points

WATER QUALITY – the applicant will install nutrient and pest management practices within the above listed watersheds. 7 points

ALL CONCERNS – The established practices will have a long term environmental benefit and will be existing for 10 or more years. These practices include 612, 645, 380, 391. 10 points

5. **Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.**
6. **Submit this worksheet electronically to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.**

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 09 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.



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